# Take part in an exceptional adventure that showcases the historical wealth of Aswan and Luxor.

**Price Starting From: \$650** 

4 Days / 3 Nights Aswan / Luxor Egypt One Country Two Cities

The <u>history of Egypt</u> is a rich tapestry that spans thousands of years, defined by the rise and fall of powerful dynasties and remarkable achievements in art and architecture. From the time of the Pharaohs to the influences of Greek and Roman cultures, Egypt's past is one of the most fascinating and thoroughly researched stories in the world.

<u>Luxor</u> serves as a shining example of this historical wealth, often dubbed the "world's greatest open-air museum." It is home to some of the most important archaeological sites, such as the Valley of the Kings and the magnificent temples of Karnak and Luxor. Once the heart of ancient Egypt, Luxor continues to attract historians and travelers eager to delve into its monumental history.

Located in southern Egypt, <u>Aswan</u> is renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and historical significance. The city features the impressive Aswan High Dam and the tranquil Temple of Philae, both of which underscore its strategic and cultural relevance. Aswan's blend of rich history and natural beauty makes it an ideal starting point for any Nile cruise journey.

<u>Nile Cruise Tours</u> provides a unique opportunity to discover Egypt's ancient marvels while traversing the tranquil waters of the Nile. These tours typically include guided explorations of key historical sites, luxurious accommodations, and chances for relaxation, all of which create a fulfilling experience that beautifully merges leisure with cultural immersion.

Egypt's history is marked by significant contributions to civilization, including the construction of the Pyramids and the invention of hieroglyphics. This extensive heritage has positioned Egypt as a hub of learning and culture for millennia, influencing numerous aspects of contemporary society and enchanting travelers with its lasting legacy.

# Overview Inclusion

- Assistance was provided by the Cairo Top Tours tour manager upon arrival at Aswan Airport and departure from Luxor.
- Expert customer care throughout the 4-day Nile cruise.
- Modern air-conditioned vehicle transportation during the MS Nile Dolphin Nile Cruise.
- Full board accommodation on the Egypt Nile River Cruise.
- Private Egypt tours as specified in the itinerary.
- All admission fees and tickets to sites are included.
- Snack stops are available upon request.
- A soft drink at a local café during Egypt Day Tours (if time allows).

- Accredited Egyptologist guide is provided for all Egypt Travel Packages.
- Taxes and service charges are included in the Nile cruise from Aswan to Luxor.
- Shopping tours are available during excursions in Luxor and Aswan Sightseeing Tours (upon request).

#### **Exclusion**

- International airfare is not included.
- Personal spending is not covered.
- Optional tours are not included.
- Tipping is not included in the Egypt Tours Packages price.
- Beverages during meals are not included

#### **Itinerary**

## Day 1: Explore Aswan

Egypt, a land rich in history, is a captivating narrative that combines myth, architecture, and remarkable figures. The **Egypt Nile Cruise Tours** offer a unique opportunity to immerse oneself in this ancient civilization while sailing along the Nile River. **The story of Horus and Osiris**, central to Egypt's mythology, embodies themes of love, betrayal, and resurrection. The **Aswan High Dam**, completed in the 1970s, controls the Nile's flooding and provides hydroelectric power, creating Lake Nasser, one of the largest manmade lakes in the world.

The <u>Unfinished Obelisk</u>, a massive monument left incomplete, showcases the architectural ambitions of ancient Egyptians. The <u>Temple of Philae</u>, dedicated to the goddess <u>Isis</u>, is a stunning temple complex with intricate carvings and hieroglyphs that narrate the life of Isis, revered as the goddess of magic and motherhood. The journey from <u>Aswan to Luxor on a Nile cruise</u> offers breathtaking views and stops at significant archaeological sites, allowing travelers to witness the grandeur of ancient temples and tombs while enjoying the serene beauty of the Nile.

<u>Queen Hatshepsut</u>, one of Egypt's most successful pharaohs, is known for her remarkable reign and monumental building projects. Her mortuary temple at Deir el-Bahari is a stunning architectural achievement, featuring impressive terraces and colonnades, symbolizing her enduring influence on Egyptian history.

In summary, Egypt's rich tapestry of myth, architecture, and history is a captivating experience for travelers seeking to connect with the ancient civilization that has shaped the world for millennia.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 2: A Day tour in Aswan Temples

Egypt is a land rich in history, and its cultural heritage is best explored through dedicated tours that unveil the stories of its past. Egypt Day Tours offer travelers an immersive experience, guiding them through significant archaeological sites, local markets, and museums. These tours provide a comprehensive understanding of ancient Egyptian civilization, allowing visitors to connect with its vibrant culture and historical significance.

One of the highlights of these tours is the **Kom Ombo Temple**, a remarkable architectural feat dedicated to two deities: Sobek and Haroeris. Built during the Ptolemaic Kingdom, this unique double temple showcases the fusion of Greek and Egyptian influences, reflecting the cultural richness of the era. The temple's symmetrical design features two identical halls, allowing visitors to appreciate the intricate carvings and reliefs that celebrate both gods.

<u>Sobek</u>, the crocodile god, symbolizes fertility and the life-giving power of the Nile. Revered as a protector of the pharaohs, Sobek was believed to bring abundance and prosperity to the land. His presence in the temple is marked by numerous depictions, emphasizing his significance in ancient Egyptian religion and agriculture. Rituals and offerings made to Sobek aimed to ensure the land's fertility, highlighting the deep connection between the ancient Egyptians and their environment.

The <u>Ptolemaic Kingdom</u>, which ruled Egypt following Alexander the Great's conquest, is known for its remarkable advancements in art, science, and religion. This era, lasting from 305 BC to 30 BC, produced notable figures such as Cleopatra VII and witnessed a blend of Greek and Egyptian cultures. The architectural achievements of the Ptolemaic period, including the grandeur of the Kom Ombo Temple, stand as a testament to this cultural fusion and its lasting impact on history.

**Haroeris**, also known as Horus the Elder, embodies protection, kingship, and the sky. As a falcon-headed god, Haroeris symbolizes the divine right of the pharaoh to rule. His worship included elaborate rituals and festivals, underscoring the importance of the gods in maintaining cosmic order and harmony in ancient Egyptian society. The reverence for Haroeris reflects the interconnectedness of the ancient Egyptians' beliefs and their understanding of the natural world.

Together, these elements create a rich tapestry of Egypt's heritage, inviting travelers to explore the profound stories and cultural significance that continue to resonate through the ages.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 3: A Journey Through Time

Egypt is a treasure trove of history, and its ancient sites offer a glimpse into the grandeur of a civilization that has captivated the world for millennia. One of the highlights of any visit is **Edfu**, home to the **Temple of Horus**. This remarkable temple is not only one of the best-preserved in Egypt but also a significant religious site where annual festivals celebrate the myth of Horus's victory over Set. As visitors explore its grand halls adorned with intricate hieroglyphs and towering columns, they gain insight into the spiritual life and beliefs of the ancient Egyptians.

Continuing this journey, the <u>Colossi of Memnon</u> stand as monumental guardians of the past. These two massive stone statues, originally part of the mortuary temple of Pharaoh Amenhotep III, have endured for over three millennia. Standing at over 18 meters tall, they are remarkable examples of ancient Egyptian artistry and engineering. The Colossi have fascinated travelers and historians alike, symbolizing the grandeur of the pharaohs and the architectural achievements of their time. Their historical significance is further underscored by the stories they tell about the civilization that created them.

The journey culminates at the awe-inspiring **Karnak Temple in Luxor**, one of the largest and most impressive temple complexes in the world. Dedicated to the Theban triad of Amun, Mut, and Khonsu, Karnak showcases an extraordinary array of temples, chapels, and obelisks. Visitors are captivated by the Great Hypostyle Hall, featuring 134 massive columns that reach towards the sky. The intricate carvings and hieroglyphs throughout the temple complex reveal not only the deep religious significance of the site but also

the artistic mastery of the ancient Egyptians.

Karnak Temple's construction spanned over 2,000 years, with successive pharaohs contributing to its grandeur, making it a living testament to the evolution of ancient Egyptian religion and architecture. The annual Opet Festival, which celebrated the fertility of the Nile and the renewal of kingship, further emphasizes the cultural importance of this monumental site.

Together, these extraordinary locations—Edfu, the Colossi of Memnon, and Karnak Temple—create an unforgettable experience that allows travelers to delve deeply into the rich tapestry of ancient Egyptian history, spirituality, and artistry. Each site stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of a civilization that continues to inspire awe and wonder.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

## Day 4: Say Bye from Luxor

Enjoy your last breakfast aboard before disembarking the Nile cruise. You'll meet your guide in Luxor for a day of exploration, starting with the <u>Valley of the Kings</u>, famed for its <u>New Kingdom</u> royal tombs carved into the mountains.

Next, visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, a stunning architectural marvel built by Egypt's second female pharaoh. The tour also includes the Colossi of Memnon, two grand statues honoring Pharaoh Amenhotep III. After the excursion, you'll be transferred to <a href="Luxor Airport">Luxor Airport</a> or the railway station, depending on your preference. We hope your journey on the MS Nile Dolphin from Aswan to Luxor was unforgettable.

Meals: Breakfast.